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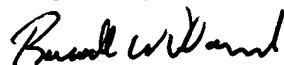
EP 0 358 279 discloses that in a domestic dish-washing machine, a closed drying system is used, in which the air from the washing container is circulated via a drying device, which can be regenerated by heating up, and from said drying device back into the washing container. The drying device is assigned to the heater for the rinsing water, preferably a flow heater, arranged outside the washing container.

DE 37 41 652 discloses that, to dry dishes in domestic dishwashers, use is made of a heat exchanger which is thermally insulated from the washing container and is preferably equipped with a latent-heat accumulator.

DE 36 26 887 discloses dehumidifiers in domestic equipment serve to dehumidify an airstream enriched with moisture. The novel dehumidifier makes possible the dehumidification of the process air with simultaneous heat recovery and thus offers a particularly energy-efficient mode of operation. In a laundry drier, heated air is conducted via the fan (2) and the heating apparatus (3) and thus removes the moisture from the laundry. The desiccant container (4) is connected in-between in the air conduction system, so that moisture-laden air is passed into the container and so that the desiccant (5) adsorbs the moisture of the process air. Desiccants which are used are preferably bead-shaped adsorptive zeolite-based desiccants. The dehumidifier is particularly suitable for use in laundry driers, a more favourable efficiency being achieved by the heat recovery potential.

DE 198 13 924 discloses that the arrangement has a Peltier element for extracting thermal energy from the interior of a working container. A heat absorbing junction (11) of the Peltier element can be arranged inside the container (2). Alternatively, a heat absorbing junction of the Peltier element can be mounted on the outside of the container and connected to the external container wall. An Independent claim is also included for a method of operating a condensation arrangement.

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